

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

- ~~{1}~~1. (Original) A steam generating device comprising:
- (a) a barrel shape pot having a flat, elongate horizontal cross section;
  - (b) a heater arranged in a bottom part of the pot; and
  - (c) a steam suction portion that extends, above the pot, in a direction in which the steam suction portion crosses an axis line of the pot, and that occupies a space having a flat vertical cross-sectional shape.
- ~~{2}~~2. (Original) The steam generating device of claim 1, wherein the heater is built with a sheath heater that is immersed in water inside the pot.
- ~~{3}~~3. (Original) The steam generating device of claim 1, wherein the steam suction portion is built with a plurality of steam suction ejectors that are each formed to penetrate the pot from one flat side to an opposite flat side.
- ~~{4}~~4. (Original) The steam generating device of claim 3, wherein the plurality of steam suction ejectors are arranged side by side at a same level.
- ~~{5}~~5. (Currently amended) A steam cooking apparatus comprising:
- (a) a heating chamber in which food is placed;
  - (b) an outer circulation passage through which gas inside the heating chamber is sucked in and is then returned to the heating chamber; and

(c) the steam generating device of ~~one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1 that feeds steam, through the steam suction portion, to the outer circulation passage.

~~[6]~~6. (Currently amended) The steam cooking apparatus of claim 5, wherein in the steam generating device, the steam suction portion is built with a plurality of steam suction ejectors that are each formed to penetrate the pot from one flat side to an opposite flat side ~~is the steam generating device of claim 3~~, and the outer circulation passage divides into a plurality of paths through the corresponding steam suction ejectors.

~~[7]~~7. (Currently amended) The steam cooking apparatus of claim 5, wherein in the steam generating device, the plurality of steam suction ejectors are arranged side by side at a same level ~~is the steam generating device of claim 4~~, and the outer circulation passage divides into a plurality of paths through the corresponding steam suction ejectors.

~~[8]~~8. (Original) The steam cooking apparatus of claim 5, wherein the steam generating device is arranged with one flat side of the pot parallel to a side wall of the heating chamber.

~~[9]~~9. (Original) The steam cooking apparatus of claim 5, wherein